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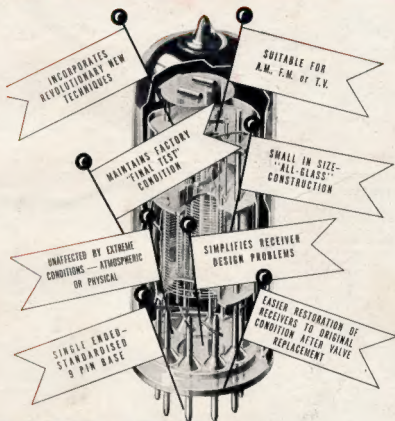
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EDITORIAL



Mr. J. M. Martin Retires

Our esteemed friend, Jack Martin, retires from office as Assistant Director General (Wireless) this month. It is fitting therefore that we should pay tribute to the man who has been a true friend to every law-abiding Amateur, and a kindly and tolerant judge whenever a transgressor has been apprehended.

Mr. Martin commenced his long association with the radio communication field in the United Kingdom in 1890 and served for some years as a marine operator before he was brought to Australia by the Commonwealth Government in 1912 in connection with the foundation of the Australian Coastal Radio Service.

After serving as officer-in-charge of various coastal stations throughout the Commonwealth, including VIM Melbourne when it was located in the Domain, Mr. Martin joined the staff of the Wireless Branch of the Postmaster-General's Department where he rose to his present position of Assistant Director General (Wireless).

Mr. Martin has played a leading part in the development of broadcasting and radio communication in Australia and on several occasions

has represented the Commonwealth at important International Telecommunication Conferences. Throughout his official career, Mr. Martin has always proved a most able administrator and has earned the respect of all for his outstanding honesty of purpose.

Jack Martin has always been keenly interested in the welfare of Amateurs, and from the very inception of the Wireless Institute (Victoria) in 1910 has maintained a close liaison with this Institute—in fact Federal Executive knows of no other person more capable of writing the history of the Institute than Jack Martin; maybe we can induce him to undertake the task to wile away his leisure hours after his retirement!

Mr. Martin's farsightedness in recognising the true public worth of the Amateur, both in peace time and war, has won for him a place in the hearts of all. We take this opportunity of passing on to him the very best 73's. May his days of retirement be filled with happy memories of his associations with us and may he carry with him always the appreciation and esteem of the Amateurs of Australia.

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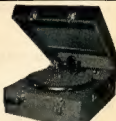
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"How's My Modulation O.M.?"

BY J. DUNCAN,* VK3VZ, AND LEN JACKSON†

● Every Amateur has heard the above question asked many times on our bands, and with it is the admission that adequate means of knowing the depth of modulation does not exist at that station, therefore apart from the fact that the regulations are not being adhered to, the operator is not obtaining the maximum efficiency from his transmission because only by correctly modulating his carrier can he use his equipment to its best advantage.

With the installation of the new VK3WI in the Victorian Division's Rooms, and the fact that it would be operated by about twelve pairs of Amateurs on a roster system, a simple and effective means of indicating modulation depth was urgently required.

It fell to the writers to design and build a suitable indicator, which would be supplementary to the phone monitor which keeps an adequate check on speech quality.

It was felt that any modulation indicator which uses a meter would be too heavily damped in its movement to show the peaks which cause over-modulation and its attendant splatter, so a c.r.o. indicator was decided upon as it is instantaneous in its action.

Finally it was necessary to decide which modulation figure, trapezoidal or envelope, would be best. We came to the conclusion that both patterns had their respective advantages, and therefore decided to make either one available at the flick of a switch. After much experimenting, a simple indicator was built and is now giving very satisfactory operation at VK3WI.

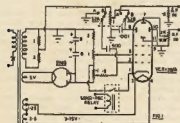


Fig. 1 shows the schematic diagram. P.T. is an old power transformer taken from the junk box, a relic of the days when filaments were 2.5 volts. By using one 2.5v. winding in series with half the second 2.5v. winding, 3.75 volts was available for the VC139A c.r. tube. The 5 volt winding being used for the 5Y4G rectifier. The secondary was 385v. aside, and in our case only one half of the winding was used. However, if the

intensity is not enough, use the 385v. windings in series. Two 5 uF. 600 volt electrolytic condensers are series connected, and the bleeder consists of a 2 meg. resistor and the focus and intensity pots.

Connections to the VC139A are quite conventional, except for the 0.5 meg. resistor in series with the intensity control. A relay contact is provided in the cathode lead of the VC139A to remove the trace and prevent the screen being damaged when receiving.

Two deflector plates and the No. 2 anode are tied together and grounded, whilst the r.f. is applied to the vertical plate via the 2,000 ohm wire wound potentiometer. It was found that carbon pots did not stand up to the r.f. and the wire wound worked excellently. In the case of VK3WI, a one-turn link is loosely coupled to the antenna tuning coil, although a single wire near the feeders serves quite well.

The horizontal sweep for the envelope pattern is obtained by using 50 cycles to the horizontal plate and blanking out the return trace by applying a negative pulse to the grid.

The a.c. 50 cycle voltage is picked off the junction of the 1 and 2 meg. resistors across the power transformer secondary, and applied to the 1 meg. potentiometer. When S2B is in position B, this voltage is applied to the horizontal plate of the c.r. tube. At the same time, S2A applies a.c. to the grid of the c.r.o. tube via the 500 pF. condenser, thereby blanking out the return trace. This gives a linear sweep over portion of the full a.c. cycle. If the 500 pF. capacity is too large, the intensity control will not function, so choose a value which will give normal operation of the intensity and focussing controls.

When switched to position A, S2A grounds this condenser, and the second switch section swings the horizontal plate to a terminal on the rear of the unit to receive audio from the modulator.

It is most important that the 0.001 uF. r.f. by-pass on the horizontal plate of the c.r. tube be located on the tube base, otherwise the r.f. envelope will not be vertical, but will tilt to one side due to r.f. leaking into the horizontal plate of the c.r. tube. Watch this point carefully.

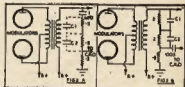
It will be noted that the horizontal gain control does not operate when the trapezoidal pattern is being viewed, this is not a mistake in the drawing, but was found necessary to avoid a variable audio phase shift as the potentiometer was varied, which brings us to a very important point with regard to the tapping of the audio from the modulator.

TAPPING OF AUDIO FROM THE MODULATOR

The following section of the description is treated rather fully, as much trouble was experienced here and reference to the standard textbooks failed to produce any help. This information is therefore furnished in the hope that it may benefit others who have experienced similar trouble.

The circuit first used for connection to the modulator was as shown in Fig. 2B, but without the condensers C1 and C2. The 0.005 uF. condenser was connected as shown, rather than as in Fig. 2A, to enable a condenser of lower voltage rating to be used. However, a correct pattern could not be obtained on the screen, the sides of the trapezoid figure being elliptical instead of straight. This type of pattern is shown in the A.R.R.L. Handbook as occurring when the audio voltage is taken from a stage in the modulator other than the final.

It was reasoned correctly that this was due to a phase shift in the audio coupling network, but the reason was at first a little obscure. The 0.005 uF. condenser was at first suspected, but increasing this to as large as 1 uF. made no difference. Next the circuit was altered to that shown in Fig. 2A, but again without C1 and C2. This is the circuit generally given in the text books. However, results were still the same.



The next point of attack was the 0.001 uF. r.f. by-pass on the horizontal plate of the c.r. tube. Here more promising results were obtained. This by-pass was gradually reduced in value, and each time an improvement in the pattern was obtained, although some small phase shift was obtained even with this by-pass eliminated altogether. Also, as the by-pass was reduced, the envelope pattern started to lean heavily to one side, and the smallest value that could be tolerated from this aspect was 0.0001 uF., which still gave a large phase shift on the trapezoid pattern. Therefore another line of attack was decided on.

If the by-pass from the horizontal plate to earth produced a phase shift, why not connect another condenser from the horizontal plate to the full modulator output, across the upper half of the resistance voltage divider, and thereby produce an equal and opposite phase shift, the two then cancelling?

This was tried with an immediate improvement in results. The circuit of Fig. 2A was first tried, the compensating condenser being split into two equal series condensers C1 and C2, since a single condenser of adequate voltage rating (2,000v.) was not available. With a little experiment in the values, the phase shift was completely eliminated. However, immediately the horizontal gain control was shifted, the phase shift re-appeared, so the circuit was changed, as mentioned earlier, to remove this control from the circuit on the trapezoid pattern.

The only point which still caused us worry now was the 0.005 uF. condenser. This was only of 1,200v. rating, which was not high enough for the circuit of Fig. 2A, with 1,000 volts d.c. on the line, and a 2,000v. condenser, the lowest rating acceptable, was not available. So

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TELEVISION MADE EASY—Part 1

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When television is established in Australia, will your rig interfere with television reception. Will you be able to prevent such interference? If a neighbour complains of such interference, will you be able to prove your rig "innocent," and help the complainant to locate the source of the trouble? No matter how we attempt to answer these questions, we seem to always reach the same conclusion, namely, that some knowledge of the operating principles of television is essential to every Ham.

Fortunately, there are now many good courses of study, on this subject, now available in Australia; some by correspondence, and other in serial form in current magazines, so we need not be "left in the dark."

However, for the benefit of the Ham, who cannot conveniently undertake a full course of training, we shall endeavour, in this series of articles, to outline the general principles of television, in simple language, dealing only with the aspects of the subject that directly concern the Ham or, to be more exact, we shall cover only the main facts that one needs to know, in order to help prevent interference to television reception.

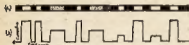


Fig. 1.

(a) Line of Picture.

(b) Corresponding Signal.

First of all how does a television set work? Well, as some of us have guessed, at the transmitting end there is a television camera, which takes photos continuously like a movie camera. This guess is quite correct and, furthermore, these photos, which are taken at the rate of 25 per second, are transmitted by radio in succession.

At the receiving end these photos are received and flashed on the screen of our television set in correct sequence and because of the persistence of vision, the illusion of movement is conveyed. In other words, we are actually watching a lot of snapshots, one after the other, but because our eyes can't keep up with the rapid changing of the pictures, we think that the objects in them are moving. The sound, of course, is conveyed in the same way as in ordinary broadcasting.

Now how can photos be transmitted by radio? Well, now we're getting "fair-dinkum." Before reading the answer, try this simple experiment. Take an old photo (e.g. the YL that "done you wrong") and cut it into a number of fine horizontal strips. Now examine one of these strips; it should look like Fig. 1a, consisting of a series of light and dark strokes, placed end to end.

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Now place a number of these strips end to end. Our photo has now been transformed into nothing but a long series of light and dark strokes of varying length; yet, if we care to place these strips together in their original order, we would have our photo again.

But what on earth has this got to do with television? Quite a lot. Just as we cut our photo into strips, and placed them end to end, the television camera splits each photo into 625 horizontal lines, and transmits them as a series of electrical impulses, something like dots and dashes. Commencing at the top left-hand corner of each photo, the camera "mechanism" converts the first line into a "burst" of pulsating d.c., as shown in Fig. 1b. Note that the brighter the portion of the strip, the higher will be the output of the camera. Study Fig. 1 carefully, before reading any further.

This process of converting a picture into electrical impulses in correct sequence is called "scanning," and the sequence is the same as reading a printed page. In other words, the camera scans each line from left to right, and

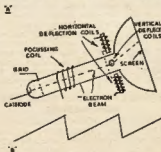


Fig. 2.

(a) Cathode Ray Tube.

(b) "Saw-Tooth" Current.

operates from the top of the picture downwards.

It is this output from the camera that modulates the transmitter, and which emerges from the receiver's detector, but how is it turned back into a picture? Well, just as we placed the strips together to make up our original photo, the receiver, by means of a moving spot of light, reproduces each line, and re-assembles them in their correct order, thus reproducing the original photo, but what am I saying! This is still "clear as mud!"

Now let's do a little more practical work. Take an electric torch, preferably of the focussing type, into a dark room and shine it on the distant wall. We see a spot of light. Now wave this torch to and fro, so that the spot moves horizontally across the wall. Now wave the torch very rapidly, still endeavouring to keep the movement horizontal. We now see not a spot, but a continuous line of light on the wall. Now what we're actually watching is still a rapidly moving spot, but it appears as a line for two reasons. Firstly, because the spot is tracing out the same path over and over again, and secondly, because its movement is so rapid that our eyes can't keep up with it.

Stretching the imagination a little, suppose the torch could be switched on and off quickly, while being waved. The "line" would no longer appear continuous, but broken, as shown in Fig. 1a.

But we have already shown that Fig. 1a represents a strip of the original picture!

Yeah man! We have actually figured out how a single line of our picture, after reaching the receiver as a stream of electrical impulses, can be converted back into a visible "strip of picture" by a moving beam of light; but how can a lot of these strips be re-assembled, to form the picture?

To answer this, let us review the operation of the cathode ray tube. Having focussed the beam of this tube to produce a fine bright spot of light on the screen, by passing a saw-tooth current through the appropriate deflection coils, we can make the spot move to and fro across the screen, and appear as a horizontal line.

If the current has the wave form shown in Fig. 2b, the spot will move comparatively slowly from left to right, then rapidly back to its starting point, and continue this movement as long as the current is flowing.

Now, through the other deflection coils, we shall pass a similar current at a lower frequency, which will tend to make the spot travel slowly from top to base of screen, and rapidly back again.

By passing both currents through their respective coils simultaneously we can make the spot trace out a zig-zag pattern, as in Fig. 3a. Just as the spot, produced on the wall by our torch, made a continuous line, the spot on our c.r.t. screen is producing a number of parallel lines.

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Now consider the frequency of the current, which is causing the horizontal deflection of the beam. By increasing this, we can increase the number of lines on the screen, thereby bringing them closer together, until ultimately, the spaces between them will be so fine, that instead of lines, we shall see a rectangular patch of light on the screen, as shown in Fig. 3b.

Let us now vary the intensity of the spot (just as we tried to switch our torch on and off while waving it). This can be done quite easily by varying the voltage on the grid of our cathode ray tube.

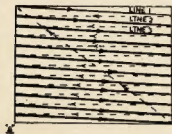


Fig. 3.

(a) Movement of Spot on Rx Screen.
(b) In each picture, spot traces out 625 lines. Only the "left-to-right" movements of spot are visible.

Each line on the screen will no longer appear continuous, but broken, as in Fig. 1a. Suppose we connect this grid to the output of our television receiver. This will be of the form shown in Fig. 1b and each increase in voltage will make the spot brighter, and each decrease, duller, so that the line on the screen will appear as in Fig. 1a. In other words, each line of the original picture can be reproduced on the receiver screen, by allowing the received signal to modulate a rapidly moving electron beam, as it traces out the line pattern, shown in Fig. 3.

Yes, we're beginning to see daylight. Those who are not familiar with the cathode ray tube may find it helpful to study its theory of operation from any suitable text book, since space won't permit it to be covered in this series.

To sum up, the television camera takes photos continuously, at the rate of 25 per second. Each of these photos is split into 625 horizontal lines. Each of these lines is transmitted as a stream of electrical impulses, corresponding to the light and dark parts of the picture.

In the receiver, a spot of light is made to trace out, on the screen, the same number of horizontal parallel lines as contained in the original picture.

By modulating the electron beam, which produces this spot, by the received television signal, we reproduce the original lines of the picture.

Note that what one actually looks at, on the television screen, is nothing more than a rapidly moving spot of light, but because it travels over the same paths 25 times per second, we think we are seeing a picture, composed of 625 horizontal lines, all very close together. In other words, television is entirely an optical illusion, utilising the "persistence of vision" which we have already seen to be the inability of our eyes to respond to rapidly changing pictures.

Fig. 4 shows the essential parts of a television receiver and to round off this "burst" here's a few technical tit-bits which will be dealt with in detail in later articles.

To keep picture steady on the screen, receiver must be synchronised with transmitter; that is, receiver must commence reproducing each line at the same instant that the transmitter commenced scanning the same line. Therefore each line is followed by a synchronising signal, and each complete picture, by a synchronising signal of a different type, to allow receiver to distinguish one from the other. The transmitter could be compared with a good sergeant-major, calling "left-right-left!" when it inserts the synchronising pulses in the transmission, and all receivers, tuned into the programme, like well-disciplined troops, keep "in step" with the camera.

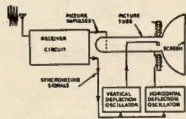


Fig. 4.—Basic Television Receiver.

All modern systems use "interlaced scanning," which simply means that each picture is scanned in two stages, instead of one. In the first stage, the camera scans all the odd lines, such as 1, 3, 5, etc., and in the second stage, all the even lines, 2, 4, 6, 8, thus completing the picture. The purpose is to double the picture frequency, to prevent flicker, without increasing the modulating frequency (which, by the way, extends from 50 cycles to 5 Mc! as we'll learn later). Instead of transmitting 25 complete pictures per second, therefore, we handle 50 "half-pictures" as it were.

The proposed Australian system will use "negative modulation" which means that an increase in carried amplitude represents a decrease in picture brightness. The greater the amplitude, the darker the picture, as illustrated in Fig. 5.

The proposed carrier frequencies for use in Australia will extend from 180 to 204 Mc.

So much for the general outline of television. Still "clear as mud?" Don't be afraid to admit it, because this is how television theory strikes everybody at first, but believe it or not, after reading through this article several times, you'll find it's actually quite simple.

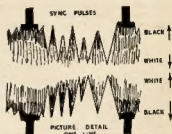


Fig. 5.

Modulation Pattern of Television Signal.

Furthermore, I would like to encourage the reader to submit all queries concerning television, by post, to VK3ADA at the given address. Replies will be promptly made out in duplicate, one copy submitted to this magazine, for publication, when space permits, so that fellow readers may benefit, and the other copy mailed to the inquirer direct. Don't be afraid to ask, because this is how we learn the most, and remember, what one fool can learn, so can another!

CUAGN next month.

"How's My Modulation O.M.?"

(Continued from Page 3)

the circuit was altered again to that of Fig. 2B, which requires only a rating on this condenser of 500v. min., and with some slight adjustment to the values of C1 and C2, everything worked perfectly. These condensers were made 0.0001 uF. each, and 1,000v. rating. Thus the two in series gave us 50 pF. at 2,000v.

If for any reason the values of the resistors in the voltage divider network are changed, then, of course, the condensers have to be changed accordingly. The condenser network, formed by C1 and C2 in series in the upper half, and the 0.001 uF. by-pass in the lower half, must have approximately the same ratio of reactances as the resistance ratio, it being realised that the lower half of the resistance network is formed by the 0.5 meg. input resistor to the indicator in parallel with the resistor in the lower half of the network.

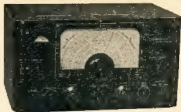
Summarising: Build the Modulation Indicator as shown. Wire in the modulator divider as shown in Fig. 2A or 2B, but without C1 or C2. Set the value of the resistor in the bottom end of this network to give a satisfactory horizontal deflection on the c.r. tube. Apply a sine wave to the speech amplifier (whistling steadily will do the trick), and observe the degree of ellipse on the trapezoidal pattern. If you are lucky and there is none leave everything as is, but if there is phase shift, try different values of C1 plus C2, until the phase shift is corrected.

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 3LA—W. A. String, 9 Vera Street, Corowa.
 2AB—R. A. J. Taylor, Boundary St., Bega.
 2AF—J. A. Hampel, 563 Radium St., Broken Hill.
VK2AW— Wireless Institute of Australia, 18 Clarence Street, Sydney.

Victoria

3GP—R. C. Steele, Flat 6, 181 Brighton Road, Elwood.
 2HQ—W. D. Hiff, 85 Warrigal Road, Oakleigh.
 2IB—A. C. Hawker, c/o Broadcasting Station 3LK, Lubeck.
 2JZ—P. D. Williams, 26 Batt Ave., Wodonga.
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 3AG—M. A. L. Collins, 18 Netimuk Rd., Horsham.
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4FT—J. A. Weddell, 188 Exhbit Rd., Annerley, Brisbane.
 4LR—L. R. Newsome, 13 Sheriff St., Townsville.
 4TN—A. Harris, 15 Turner St., Windsor, N.3.

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5AJ—W. R. Adey, 37 Rivers St., St. Peters, Adelaide.
 5CF—M. T. Nicolson, 11 Riverside Ave., Berri.
 5JB—M. G. White, 103 Naglan St., Harcourt Gardens.
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 5WQ—C. C. Quinn, Freeling.

Western Australia

6AT—A. T. Hanson, 53 Joyce St., Scarborough, Perth.

Tasmania

7LX—K. J. Briggs, 18 Melbourne St., Launceston.
 7WA—E. F. Walker, 43 Cunningham St., South Burnie.

Territories

2XK—S. R. Coleston, Lighthouse Depot, Samarai, T.N.G.

ALTERATIONS

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 2BG—1 Wandan Ave., Evescroft, Sydney.
 2BW—196 Baylis Street, Wagga Wagga.
 2ER—10 Meek Street, Kingsford.
 3FE—Beaumont Road, Mount Ku-Ring-Gai.
 2Y—45 Taren Road South, Caringbah.
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 2KL—Lot 28, Waldran Road, Chester Hill.
 2MD—No. 2, The Drive, Concord West.
 2SE—21 Cleone St., Guildford.
 2TZ—145 Commonwealth St., Surrey Hills.
 2UH—3 Towns Cres., Turner, Canberra, A.C.T.
 3UK—39 Mario St., Townsdl, via Corral.
 3WR—49 Emily Street, Marks Point.
 3YQ—Edward Street, Barraba.
 2AAG—"Elizora," Main Rd., Marks Point, N.3.
 2AAN—22 First Avenue, Eastwood.
 2ADP—Stanford Street, Penrith.
 2AHK—"Paddy's Plains, North Dorrigo.
 2AIL—11 Covelee Circuit, Middle Cove, East Willoughby, Sydney.
 2AJT—River Street, Ballina.
 2AKV—R.M.B. 113, Kurrajong Heights.
 2ALY—28 Beaconsfield Street, Newport.
 2ANS—73 Boorara Avenue, Oakley.
 2APT—11 Sunshine Street, Manly Vale.
 2AST—Maining Street, Eden.
 2AST—145 Lyons Road, Dromedaryne.

Victoria

3CT—18 Harrison Street, Ringwood.
 3JQ—O.T.C.A. Wireless Station, Piskville, via Ballia.
 3JT—"Linden Court," 30 Mason St., Hawthorn.
 3NG—166 Como Parade, Mentone.
 3NI—4 Bertram Street, Mordialloc.
 3PR—81 McCartin Street, Leongatha.
 3QH—415 St. Kilda Street, Elwood.
 3RG—Luckie Street, Nunawading.
 3WR—C/o Mission to Seamen, Beach Road, Port Melbourne.
 3YG—21 Hughes Street, East Brighton.
 3AAQ—Lake Street, Wendouree, Ballarat.
 3ACM—Ballandale, via Rochester.
 3AGG—3 Wynnum Avenue, Shepparton.
 3ARG—57 Ewart Street, Malvern.
 3ASG—2 Bardsia Street, Ringwood.
 3ASJ—King Street, Ararat.
 3AXB—3 Martins Court, Balwyn, E.3.
 3AWT—21 Kerferd Road, Albert Park.

Queensland

4BJ—48 Lamb Street, Bundaberg.
 4EW—On Kerry Road, Archerfield, via Cooper's Plains.
 4GB—C. Duxy and Davidson Sts., Wynnum, E.3.
 4DY—103 Stonelick Street, Windsor.
 4MC—Brown Pde., Oakleigh, via Ashgrove, Brisbane.
 4ST—Dunbar Street, Woody Point.

South Australia

5FJ—15 Montacute Rd., Campbelltown, Adelaide.
 5GJ—50 Kitten Street, Whyalla.
 5LZ—78 Lynmouth Avenue, Brighton Park.
 5PF—32 Hunter Crescent, Salisbury.
 5QJ—11 Old Beach Rd., Brighton, Adelaide.
 5RR—33a Torrens Road, Kilburn.

Western Australia

6CD—258 River View Ter., Mt. Pleasant, Perth.
 6GD—Wharf Street, Queens Park.
 6GK—128 Wilton Street, Perth.
 6GU—15 Lily Street, South Fremantle.
 6WY—C/o Radio Station GNA, Narrogin.
 6TZ—21 Sasse Avenue, Mount Hawthorn.
 6VY—C/o G. W. Haynes, 5 Melville Street, Claremont.

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 8KT—C/o Dist. Services, Port Moresby, T.N.G.

DELETIONS

New South Wales
 VK—Cancelled.
 2LP—Cancelled.
 2WN—Cancelled.
 2AJQ—Cancelled.
 2AL—Cancelled.
 2ARQ—Cancelled, now operating under VK2RG.
 2AWZ—Cancelled, now operat. under VK3ADT.
 2AZI—Cancelled.

Victoria

3RM—Cancelled, now operating under VK2IS.
 3WQ—Cancelled, now operating under VK3WQ.
 3ADV—Cancelled.
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IONOSPHERIC PREDICTIONS FOR THE AMATEUR BANDS

Had the tea completed and have received some further gain from two of the gang, so here we go again. These "late releases" came in the form of a letter from the band, this month which is a general complaint. Up here, the only time when you could reliably expect to hear DX was on the 14 Mr. bond between 10 and 11 AM. The band was not sure, but was sure that those periods would see it out. At the end of the month, the band was practically sure that the band was not going to be a waste of time to listen on this band, and 7 Me. was little better. This band did not maintain the promise it showed last month, and had a very poor performance. The band was not that hit the East coast also kept quite a few out of the shack during the hours of darkness. The band was not sure if the band was breakfast was a KLT, and he was worked first call, yet I can't raise the Europeans when they are there. ZLQZ said it was good on 290, and the band was not sure if the band was

Survey of the bands is as follows, stations worked being shown *.

8.6 Mc.: Both 7BK and myself found this band the same. All signals well down and rather noisy. The only strong signals here were the VKs on the North Coast. 5WO finds power noise too high for him to do much on

1 Mo.: Not much to report in the way of consistency from anybody. TRK hears N. Americans in the early evening, but here not even getting that, as they are well down in strength when they do get through, except for one night which produced strong signals, and the same was apparent in the States. The thing of note for this band has been the appearance of South Americans. JDG worked LUCD at 0630 G.M.T.

and I worked LU7CD at 6800 G.M.T. SJE heard a 7LZ work LU8VE and a VK3 work G8LH the late afternoon, but could not hear either DX station. 7LZ worked SJE at 6800 G.M.T. and said, "I am tired of being around at the right time on this band. SJE did work KP4CC, but SWO said he is finding great difficulty in evenings to even work Ws. Outside the odd weak Europeans in the mornings, the listings here are VQ4BB, IS1FIC, YU1AFG, LU8YB, LU7CD* LU4BH at 2130 G.M.T. 7RK and 7LZ: G8LH*, VR2RZ*, and VS1.

14 Mc. This band has been very erratic and was in very bad shape by the end of the month. 3XU, who was doing OK early in the month, was unable to raise this month. I noticed the band picked up between 11th and 18th, but from then on, G.M.T. was useless. On the 19th, a high noise level existed everywhere, including overseas. Despite this, some signals from DX have been heard at unexpected times. SV0AB 0130 G.M.T. on 14 Mc. and 15 Mc. and 3XU 0130 G.M.T. on 0330. VPATB 0120, and V57AG worked by TRK at 0640. On the 28th, an S8 signal was coming from 14 Mc. and 15 Mc. and 3XU 0130 G.M.T. on 0330. VZCMI, yet despite many VK calls, was only hearing and working stations close to his own. Nothing on VK, which is more than I can

Listings are -SDG: CR3AW-, L2ZAA-, I1YVCA-
 Trieste-, FFFJC-, EA9BA-, HLIAC-, VQBCB-
 after two years' change, 2ACK: TB4QF-, Z3AAC-,
 FFAA-, Z580B-, F380B-, F380B-, F380B-,
 FFAA-, Z580B-, F380B-, F380B-, F380B-,
 XUF, YN3AG, XBU, YSIO, 4XD4E, H4SPC-,
 EA6AM-, M132X-, ZB1BS-, ZB1BN-, UB3DL-,
 KV4AQ- 4BG: HC1GF, SP5JF, FRIOR, AC2RC,
 PQVFC, FKI, YU4D, F59EQ, RW0-
 FFAA-, Z580B-, F380B-, F380B-, F380B-,
 MD2JB, HP1BR, PJ5FN, SP1XA, LX1AS, T3RCM,
 HAHR/M, PK5AA, 8544X, KS4AQ, TNOIC,
 XUF, 4QL, MD2JB, CF3A, SV8AB, ISIAHK,
 VFNPU, EABDF, OE1FPM, VP8BJ, VP5BL-,
 FFAA-, Z580B-, F380B-, F380B-, F380B-,
 EKIDS, EK1AD, YN1OC-, YN3AG-, IQL, VJ-
 WSAG, LB3MB, VP8TR, ZCANF, CT3AA.

38 Me.: This band looks as though it has "had it" at the present time. Anytime I or TRK listened, there was nothing worth worrying about.

ON4QF 'was operating the 7B4QF that some were lucky enough to fasten on to. He was operating from Andorra, as he said he was attempting to (see "A.R." notes for Jan.). He is now back in ON4 again, having been heard this month.

2ACX hasnow worked 218 countries, with
IDI close behind at 215. Arthur has sent 2028
cards over to A.R.R.L. for the C.C. Hope you
will be able to find him and registered.
Have had my VK4 DX C.C. OK'd. FZ1A ap-
pearing on the band has given those who were up
there a good scare. I hope he will be up there
he has not been heard here. SWO is wondering
whether the use of the figure 7 in his call
is the same as the 7 in 7J. No need to worry
about him as possible. Austin, there are
using it, e.g. FZ7, FG7, FY7 and I have a
QSL from P.M.T. 2OW had a very 5 a.m. session
with 2ACX. I have not heard from 2ACX for
to no avail. Keep an eye on 7 Mc. Gordon.
See my QSLs. 2LIBY worked EK1AO on 3.5
MHz. I have not heard from 2ACX and has just re-
ceived his QSL. Wonder how long 141 re-
one takes?

I was very pleased the other day on opening a letter from the A.R.R.L., to find in it a Certificate, telling me of my election to membership of the A-1 Operators Club. Had often wondered just what it was, and in case there are others in the same boat, here is the score. The certificate is in the form of a letter to members, and the Certificate bears the annotation, "Membership in the A-1 Operators Club represents adherence to the several principles of good operating: (1) careful keying and good voice operating practice, (2) correct procedure, (3) copying ability, (4) judgment and courtesy."

QSLs for the month are: Q31LL, UOSKAA, KG4AD, FO8AC, KX6BI, FK88AD, FF8AC, VQ2GW. For 7 Mc.: VQ2GW, ZS3LZ, HA4SA, ZS8OS, 4X4BX, ZS6RB, ZS6XC, OK1SK, bringing confirmations to 119. My thanks to all who have supplied material for this month.

● The thought for the month: "Let your actions and operating on the air make you eligible for membership of the A-1 Operators Club. You never know who is listening."

Cheers until next month.—Fit/Lt F. T. Hine.
No. 19 (G.R.) Squadron, R.A.A.F., Townsville.

The accompanying charts have been prepared by the Ionospheric Prediction Service of the Commonwealth Observatory. The first set of the series was published in the November, 1948, issue of this magazine, together with an article explaining the nature of the forecasts and how to use them. Nine of the charts, prefixed by the letter "C" for Canberra, refer to forecasts for the South-Eastern Australian States. The remainder, prefixed by the letter "P" for Perth, are for Western Australia.

The Canberra charts refer to the following world songs:—

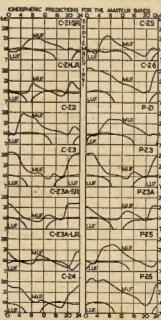
Zone	Region	Terminal
1.	Western Europe	London
2.	Mediterranean	Cairo
3.	N.-West America	San Fran
3a.	N.-East America	New York
4.	Central America	Barbados
5.	South Africa	Capetown
6.	Far East	Manila

The forecasts have actually been prepared for point-to-point circuits between Canberra and the overseas terminals mentioned in the above table. It is, however, to be expected that the charts will provide an approximate indication of ionospheric conditions for all Amateur contacts from South Eastern Australia to the various world zones.

The Perth charts are similar to those based on Canberra. No forecasts are given from Perth to Zones 23 and 24 for the current months, as chart P-23 would be essentially similar to chart P-21, while chart P-24 might be unreliable due to auroral activity in high northern latitudes.

All that is necessary in using the charts is to select a time (G.M.T.) during which a specified Amateur band frequency is below the maximum usable frequency (M.U.F.) of the F region of the ionosphere but above the lowest useful frequency (L.U.F.) for the desired contact. In two cases, Zones 1 and 3a, it is necessary to consult both the short-route (S.R.) chart and the following long-route (L.R.) chart.

The Prediction Service welcomes comments on the accuracy of its predictions. These should be forwarded through the W.I.A.

**PHONE**

Call	No.	Ctr.	Call	No.	Ctr.
VK3EE	10	186	VK4JP	8	114
VK3JD	1	154	VK3AWW	14	115
VK3RU	2	147	VK4WJ	37	104
VK3KW	4	145	VK4DO	20	104
VK4HR	12	145	VK3ADT	13	102
VK3BE	3	141	VK3AHA	15	102
VK3CS	1	139	VK3BQ	15	101
VK3LN	11	132	VK3PJ	19	101
VK3DD	6	128	VK3GG	24	100
VK3JE	7	123	VK3IG	5	100

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VK3BE	6	163	VK3J1	30	118
VK3EL	6	163	VK3JM	32	118
VK3F1	12	163	VK3K1	32	118
VK3EO	3	181	VK3DX	30	114
VK3CN	3	181	VK4DA	7	113
VK6SA	36	180	VK4PL	30	115
VK44R	3	181	VK45R	30	115
VK3GL	9	141	VK43L	30	130
VK3VW	4	140	VK4RC	17	107
VK3VW	10	140	VK3VD	23	107
VK3GW	4	140	VK3VC	33	103
VK6BA	18	132	VK3HT	37	103
VK3PH	31	128	VK3APA	14	101
VK3PH	31	128	VK3RC	15	101
VK3AR	23	128	VK3CX	20	101
VK4RF	11	126	VK3RA	22	101
VK4DO	20	125	VK3RH	22	100
VK3E	3	125	VK3V	22	100
VK3EK	3	133	VK3AEZ	35	100

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VK3BZ	4	203	VK3SAWW	45	114
VK4HR	7	187	VK3JA	43	114
VK3AT	12	171	VK3T	43	114
VK3RU	8	179	VK3VQ	46	112
VK3HG	3	171	VK3PG	47	111
VK3H	3	171	VK4B	47	111
VK3KW	13	165	VK3ZB	34	110
VK4EL	10	163	VK4WF	40	109
VK3DI	2	160	VK3H	25	108
VK4DO	15	151	VK3YL	1	108
VK4KS	24	149	VK3AWN	38	103
VK3FL	39	143	VK4VN	18	104
VK3JG	3	143	VK4CL	1	104
VK3OP	19	137	VK4PJ	44	104
VK6DD	22	136	VK3H	17	103
VK3LN	1	136	VK3TB	37	103
VK4PJ	32	135	VK3T	37	103
VK2AE	38	133	VK3HO	38	103
VK3AH	9	128	VK6DX	42	103
VK3AE	1	128	VK3AE	42	103
VK2NS	16	123	VK4TY	23	102
VK3HT	41	123	VK6VG	38	102
VK3H	1	123	VK3JCK	6	102
VK3L	23	116	VK3TG	40	100
VK3M	2	116	VK3MM	40	110

FIFTY MEGACYCLES AND ABOVE

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NEW SOUTH WALES

This month interest has centred on 144 Mc owing to the Contest which took the few remaining 50 Mc. stations to the higher band. No openings have been reported on 50 Mc. so far this month there will be no 50 Mc. news.

144 Mc. News: Joly has been a time of much activity on this band. First of all there was the Contest, followed by a week-end trip by 2HL from Sydney to Bathurst with frequent stops to work the Tx.

The Contest was extremely well supported—sixty-six stations taking part over the three week-end. General trend of comment is that the Contest is too long and a few very interesting suggestions have been made regarding alterations for future Contests. Unlike last year's Contest, the last day was extremely busy—one contestant working 45 stations for the day. A pleasing feature of the Contest was the appearance of 2KR (Way Way) and 2GA (Etu-long). The latter, in his enthusiasm, came on before completing the job of setting up. 2KR is a still comparatively weak at this location, but the new three over three should improve matters. Cec is keeping daily akeds with ANP on 144 Mc. at 1815, no anyone around at that time should keep a look out for Cec.

2ADT made very few contacts as conditions were not so kind as they were last year. 2LZ managed to work 2ANU again and seems to receive signals from that direction with ease. Wollongong stations were said to be active during the Contest, but no trace of them was heard in Sydney.

50 Mc. W.A.S.

Call	Certificate Number	Additional Countries
VK2WJ	13	3
VK4RY	1	1
VK2VW	2	1
VK5LC	1	1
VK6DW	1	1
VK4UR	1	1
VK3PG	1	1
VK3ER	1	1
VK3AR	1	1
VK3AEZ	10	1
VK3XA	11	1
VK3GM	12	1
VK3AGM	1	1
VK3AB	1	1

2HL created considerable interest with his trip to Bathurst and back, surveying the locations for a proposed field day with the Gladstone Club. Unfortunately 2HRT was not playing the game although his Rx was quite a fair job. Leaving Sydney at 7.30 a.m. on the Saturday, 2HL proceeded to the mountains and at the same time 2ANP proceeded to Kurrajong. 2LZ, at Wentworth Falls, provided very welcome assistance in arranging the trip. 2HL was unable to make contact over the difficult path from Mt. Boyce to Panorama Point at Kurrajong Heights. The main object of the test was to find out whether this path was workable.

Saturday night 2HL went to Mt. Panorama, Bathurst, taking Trevor 2HS as passenger. The idea was to contact Sydney stations over the mountains if possible. This path has been worked on 50 Mc. The only result of the test was cold feet. On the way home on Sunday, 2HL made contact with a number of Sydney stations from Mt. Boyce and then later during mobile work from the mountains home to Sydney.

2ANP had a very interesting trip to Kurrajong and worked 35 stations during the day—almost as good as the Contest!

New stations on 50 Mc. are 2PZ, 2QC, 2GA and 2ASE. A welcome is extended to all these stations and we hope they stay with us. A number of stations were out mobile during the month, particularly during the Contest. Those heard included 2PK, 2XU, 2ABO, 2ADY, 2AZO and 2RQ apart from the two mentioned previously.

A number of the country chaps are paying rather large sums for ASV receivers (AR301). Whilst it is good to see them taking an interest in the band, the general feeling amongst the Sydney chaps is that the old ASV receiver will do more harm than good. Certainly, its performance will not reach the standard required to work long distances over difficult terrain. A far better, for cheaper and more satisfactory idea is to make a small converter to go ahead of the normal station receiver. Many good circuits are featured in "QST" and other publications as well as the various handbooks. Those using triodes are to be preferred on account of their lower noise content.

The July meeting of the V.H.F. Group was well attended. Bill 2HQ brood a new final using 6BEs on 144 Mc. and described the procedure in calculating the dimensions of the flat strip lines used in the linear tank circuit. Subsequent tests run on this tank showed a remarkable increase in efficiency over the older twin round lines as featured in his "AR" article "100 Watts on 144 Mc."

It was announced at this meeting that the Sunday night 2WI broadcasts will in future take place at 7.30 p.m. which is one half an hour earlier than in the past. A committee was appointed to handle the proposed v.h.f. link to country districts and information regarding country v.h.f. stations. If you live in the country, let us hear v.h.f. gear the V.H.F. Group wants to hear from you.

286 Mc. News: Great interest was shown in the trip made by 2HQ and the South West corner gang to Kurrajong Heights recently. They had a few contacts on 144 Mc. for the Contest and then concentrated on 576 Mc. Most of the Sydney stations with gear in the band were worked at excellent strength over the path of some 40 miles. Seeing the horizontal versus vertical is still a state of affairs, 2HQ took a helix antenna which took care of both types of polarisation. The Rx in use was an ASDT, Tx a pair of RL18s. Power was supplied by the "dope," Cec's 200V 240V battery.

2210 has succeeded in putting out a signal as far as 2XX at Sutherland and is considerably elated at the effort as Roy is way down at the bottom of a 200V 240V battery. 2210 has tubes in a cavity resonator and his signal is reported as being very strong. 24U and 2AWZ have been working both ways on 576 Mc. with good results and 2AET has started up with the RL18s he won on the last field day.

With all the new stations starting on 576, it is like 20 metres'!

VICTORIAN 576 Mc. CONTEST RULES

1. Any licensed station may participate in the contest, but prizes will be awarded to W.L.A. members only.
2. The period of the Contest will be from 1st Sept. 1951, to 30th Nov. 1951, inclusive.
3. Stations showing date, time, station worked, location (home or portable), signal reports ex-

changed, distance, and points claimed, must be signed by the operator and returned to the Secretary of the Group on or before 7th December, 1951. Winners will be announced and prizes distributed at the December meeting.

4. Only one contact on any station on any one day will be counted for the purpose of this Contest unless either or both stations have changed their location, that is, from home to portable or vice versa. Unlimited number of contacts with any one portable station and the station worked is increased by at least ten miles for each change of location.

5. A portable station is defined as one which is operated at least ten miles away from the normal home location.

6. The score for each contact shall be in accordance with the following table, the distance being the air line distance between the two stations in the nearest mile.

	Up to 15 miles	1 point
15 miles and "	" 33 "	" 3 "
33 "	" 38 "	" 3 "
38 "	" 50 "	" 3 "
50 "	" 60 "	" 13 "

7. Prizes will be awarded to the four highest scoring stations; the first prize being a pair of 3AGs.

VICTORIAN V.H.F. GROUP NOTES

Next Group meeting is on Wednesday, 19th September at the Rooms. Listen to 3WI broadcasts for details of the evening's activities. At the meeting, 2PZ, 2QC, 2GA, 2ASE, presented a very interesting and informative discourse on antennae. Figures of theoretical gain for various patterns of elements were whilst for a given size of array, the gain in db was approximately the same in both cases, more elements and a larger area and showed an array of approximately 3 wavelengths dimensions has a gain of 9 db when 7 elements are stacked with 8 db wavelength spacing but 10 elements spaced 12 wavelengths are needed in the series array to achieve the same gain. Harry went on to explain the free space field pattern of a series array and showed how, by employing the binomial method of feeding stacked arrays, it was possible to cancel unwanted lobes and direct energy in the desired direction. As applied to a 3 element array the binomial feed requires that the current element be fed with 1.5 times the current present in either top or bottom elements.

The lecture was rounded off by a demonstration of the basic principles of the binomial close-spaced beam of the "Leno" type. The two elements, spaced one-eighth wavelength and mounted on dowel rods, were easily adjusted were fed by an oscillator and, about four feet away, was the field strength meter which used an 8-1 Ma. meter and a 100 ohm detector. The signal from the beam was more than enough to give full scale deflection of the meter, but rotating the antenna caused the meter to drop to zero. Harry was getting very good results on 144 Mc. with three stacked elements with binomial feed and reflectors until it came to grief in a recent gear. He has plans for a more ambitious array of which we are bound to hear more later.

After the lecture, the rules for the 576 Mc. Contest were explained and some discussion approved by the meeting.

3CL (Nagambie) is now receiving on 2 metres, but has not 2x as yet. 240V 240V battery, 2 metre portable a few weeks back and had contacts with 2ABA (87-8) and 2AWZ (scratchy), and also heard 2UG, 2AKC, and 2BD. 240V 240V battery, 2 metre portable a few weeks back and had contacts with 2ABA (87-8) and 2AWZ (scratchy), and also heard 2UG, 2AKC, and 2BD. 240V 240V battery, 2 metre portable a few weeks back and had contacts with 2ABA (87-8) and 2AWZ (scratchy), and also heard 2UG, 2AKC, and 2BD.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Main band of activity to report is on 288 Mc. where 28 stations are active. This band is occupied every night of the week and beams using up to 25 elements are in vogue. As yet, no call signs is not available, but amongst them are 3RV, 2MX, 3JW, 28R and 2LZ.

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The Federal Secretary has received a letter
from WGBN which it is desired be published
for any Australian Amateurs who might be
interested in corresponding with Miss Conen.
It read as follows—

3058 Evansdale Ave.,
Toledo 7, Ohio, U.S.A.

Dear Mr. Hull,
I am an Amateur Radio Operator and live
in the U.S.A. A number of my classmates are
writing to pen-pals in other countries, and
being an Amateur Radio Operator I would
like to acquire some pen-pals in other coun-
tries that are Amateur Radio Operators or
are interested in Amateur Radio Operators or
the American Radio Relay League concern-
ing this. They sent me a list of the
countries in the I.A.R.U. and advised me to
write to them.

I am 18 years old and will be a senior in
high school this fall. At the present I am
operating on the lower frequencies running
low power, and I have not contacted any other
countries as yet.

I wonder if you would know of any Am-
ateur Radio Operators in Australia, from 18
to 25 years old, that would be interested in
writing to me. I would greatly appreciate
any information on this and hope to hear
from you soon. Until then, the very best 73s
and DX.

Sincerely yours,
Signed: MISS CAROLYN CONEN.
Here's a real opportunity for some of you
young "guys" to get in and "score" some dandy
DX! Why, when? Was your age I'd
well, it doesn't matter, but take a tip from
the old-timers.

FEDERAL CONSTITUTION ALTERATIONS

Federal Executive, on behalf of the Federal
Council of the W.I.A., hereby gives notice that
it is intended to alter the Federal Constitution
of the W.I.A. (as amended 1947)

Section 18 as follows: By deleting the words
"within 60 days immediately preceding" and
inserting thereat "within 90 days prior to"

Section 28 as follows: (a) Deleting the words
"the Headquarters" in lines three and four, and
inserting the word "any" in lieu thereof; and
(b) deleting the words "the Headquarters" in
line 4, and inserting the word "appropriate"
in lieu thereof.



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ously on 3750 Kc., 7195 Kc., 1434 Kc.,
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checks are given two nights weekly, and
the time is announced during Sunday
broadcasts. 7055 Kc. channel is used
from 1000 to 1030 hours each Sunday as
VKA query service to VK4WL.

VK5WI: Sundays, 1000 hours EAST, on 7195
Kc. Frequency checks are given by
VK5WI by arrangements only on the 7
and 14 Mc. bands.

VK6WI: Sundays, 0930 hours EAST, on 7195
Kc. No frequency checks available.

VK7WI: Sundays, at 1000 hours EST, on 7195
Kc. and 144 Mc. No frequency checks
are available.

SILENT KEY

It is with deep regret that we
record the passing of:—

VK5NM—Mal Mayer, July, 1951.

N.F.D. CONTEST, 1951

Your attention is drawn to an error in the
points allocation of the open section of the
1951 National Field Day Contest where VK7SR
should have been shown as having gained a
total of 214 points (including his second
position share of VK6WI). The log of VK7SR
has been re-checked and proved to be correct
as having gained second place.

Our apology to both gentlemen, and we trust
VK6WI will appreciate that the mistake was
purely an error in adding. Thanks!

— . . . —

NEW SOUTH WALES

EASTERN SUBURBS

City and suburban zone correspondents evi-
dently prefer to remain silent, judging by the
almost complete lack of response to editorial
appeals, promises notwithstanding. If, there-
fore, little or nothing concerning the big smoke
and envious appears in "A.R.", this sub-editor
disclaims responsibility.

Leo AAC dropped in for a chat, during which
he appealed for more co-operation in s.t.c.
working. 'Twas ever thus, the pioneers never
get the support they merit, but later in time

W.I.A. ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

September 1-3: The Jubilee Relay
October 12-14: VK-ZL Jubilee Contest
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October 26-31: VK-ZL Jubilee Contest
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Tem, Dick, and Harry will reap the benefit
2AYE has "broken out" on 14 Mc., although
the 7 Mc. first love keeps on dragging him
back! Dave is erecting a centre-fed antenna
for 3 Mc. AYP heard testing with phase mo-
dulation on 14 Mc. DX with good results. Ivan
ITT has been struggling with a 144 Mc. rush-
box and has increased a few blind spots in
the tuning range. They vanished when the 7193
detector was replaced by an acorn triode; good
for the score!

What of Tom ZK3? Active on 14 Mc. phone
in this area a year ago, he seems to be com-
pletely silent. A welcome is extended to Roy
Heimann, 2TH, who has opened a business in
this area. Needless to say, Roy is planning to
get on the air, and has a yen for v.h.f.,
especially 144 Mc. An unexpected and welcome
visitor blew into the writer's station on re-
cent Sunday evening, in company with Doug
ZLIOF. He is Frank Robb, G7ETK, of Belfast,
Northern Ireland. Frank, who is an inspecting
radio engineer with Shorts (the Sunderland
people), was on a special delivery trip in one
of the new Plymouth Flying Boms acquired by
G.A.A. G7ETK is one of the early day DX men
and his card games most c.w. DX men's collec-
tion. He is particularly well known in VK
on 28 Mc. years ago, when Wal 2EA dropped in for
a yarn and threatened to break out on v.h.f.

NORTHERN SUBURBS

Nobody sends any notes in from this (or
any) area, so the scribe can but scratch frag-
ments of overheard gen for the mill. Bert
ZAGW, of Lindfield, is not often on his cus-
tomary 30 mhz. band, but he has been heard
when he is, he conjures GS up out of a seem-
ingly dead band. Morrie 2VN, now in his new
QTH at Killara, is not yet active as he would
like to be. He keeps a stick on a round table
on Saturday nights at 1930 hours on 80 metre
phone with 2HC 3CM and 2CKa. Ray 2HC
is in the vicinity of 254. One of the
keenest in this area, and heard on several
bands including 50 and 144 Mc. is Len 2DF.
He favours n.b.f.m. on all bands and can al-
ways be relied upon to conduct a two-way
test with v.h.f. aspirants.

Sorry to hear that leading v.h.f. engineer
Ced Cronin has been seen on the air. His
creation of a 576 Mc. superhet is a fine piece
of work and the envy of sundry of us who
perforce through lack of time (or energy) are
not even at the squelcher stage on the band.

A word of advice to would-be n.b.f.m.ers.
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way of deviation (audio) input to that phase, rejection of one form of frequency modulation. This scribe blushes to realise recently that the spread from his pen outstaid had got out of hand on 7 Mc. Instead of 30 Mc. With initial frequency at 1.7 Mc., the amount of deviation at 7 Mc. can be excessive unless checked carefully.

WESTERN SUBURBS

The Experimental Radio Society will be OK for new club rooms in the future, and while for the time being will remain at the Mitchell B. premises, at least indefinitely. The S.S. will return to the old stand, Greenwood Hall, all by the way by the permission and blessing of the local Council. The machine, the S.S. is going down well and the club is running a building programme. There will be some gear to put on the air in the future. Meetings are on the third Thursday, with the work night on the odd week.

2BF busy with A.O.C.P. class, but still has time to get on 40 occasionally. 2AA usually found on 20 or 40, but plans to get on 10 and 8 in near future, also plans mobile operation. 2AMP busy building his new rig, and the 2BH operating with small rig from difficult location, heard on 40. 2AOK has one switch operation of late, and trying to get the last ounce out of the new rig.

2IV is another Ham who has recently been heard on 40; there is DX down there. Roy 2APT recently increased power, but has had trouble with his Kaiti rig, and now that the rotary dipoles do really work, two S points increase from a VU 2ALO's 30 metre beam coming up, and the antenna for the same being. Not a sound out of 2DW from Warwick Farm. 2ACH has been busy nursing wife and himself back to health, all OK now. 2ASP's netting, can be seen from the train near Homebush, should sport a beam in the near future. Nice phone from 2APL, a new convert from the c.w. rank. Also thinking of moving to the S.S. tennise. Acknowledgment to Ted Whiting, 2ARD, for the foregoing.

NORTH COAST AND TABLELANDS

It is with regret we have to announce the resignation of Crieft Retalick from the position of Zone Officer for the above area. Crieft 2XO has always been a tower of strength on the North Coast and an ardent worker for Amateur Radio. Crieft has not been the best of late and has been around the country, but he will soon be on top again. They are all looking forward to another "Urunga Do." Noel Hanson 2AHS of New Kennedy is the Zone Secretary, and he would appreciate the assistance of Amateurs in the zone—let Noel have the news. Noel 2AHSU.

144 Mc. activity—2EA trying out 80's on that band, successfully operating 80's in parallel triode connected, with 40 watts at 400V, in the new 1000. 2AF is expected to be on the news on 40. 2PA, 2AY, 2WC, 2VS, 2XO and 2AHI obtaining 301 Rx's for conversion to 144. There will soon be a net on the North Coast and we would like the city boys to look out for us when we get going.

Best wishes to 2TB and 2OE in the new business venture. 2APB working scores of 144 in parallel beam on 40. 2KO, 2WS, 2ASB, 2AHH and 2RK putting out solid signals on 40. 40 is now holding up until 6.30 p.m. for the 144 net. 2AHS is expected to be on the modulator unit to arrive from Sydney for use with present Tx to provide 100 watt input for food emergency. Help from Dave 2AYE in procuring gear.

Hex 2VG spent holiday at Nambucco and picked many N/C boys. He has 2AH puts 50 plus into the "Home A.L. Lunch" session. 2ARV from Woyang trespassing on the North Coast Zone at Newswellbrook, hope to hear him on the mobile. Some N/C boys will be active in the R/V Contest and have issued a challenge to the Hunter Branch on the highest medium band. 2AHS is expected to get 807. Ted 2AVG of Northbridge worked many N/C boys on his mobile rig while on his way to visit Rod 2ACU.

HUNTER BRANCH

Reducing QRM was the main argument used by Dr. Leo McMahon 2AC in stressing the advantages of the lecture. The Hunter Branch July meeting of Hunter Branch, held at Newcastle Technical College. Orme Cooper 2CP was unable to attend. Branch President 2CS, in thanking Leo for an interesting lecture, asked that Branch members for speedy recovery be conveyed to Orme.

Early in July our President and members were invited by Newcastle Branch of L.R.E. to attend at the "Blue Mountains" Convention. One of the Coalfield cases came down and enjoyed

DEATH OF TELEGRAPHY PIONEER

Mr. Arthur Sheard, one of the early pioneers of morse telegraphy in Australia, and an acknowledged master of the technique of sending and receiving morse, died in the Calvary Hospital, Adelaide, recently. He was 73 years old.

Born at Numurkah, Victoria, he learned telegraphy in W.A. at the end of the last century. Mr. Sheard held many records for speed and accuracy. He could send and receive morse messages at the same time, and could receive and transcribe two messages at once.

From Darwin he went to Adelaide on the G.P.O. staff in 1928.

Mr. Sheard served in World War I as a telegraph operator, and once was able to defeat German intelligence by sending and receiving messages so fast that they could not read them.

After his retirement in 1940, he served as an R.A.A.F. instructor in morse at Parafield. He also instructed the S.A. Police.

Arthur Sheard, better known as "Pop," was the code instructor for the VK5 Division classes, and was instrumental in a large number of the boys getting their tickets, both Amateur and Commercial. He was well liked and took a sincere interest in all his pupils.

He survived by his wife, Keith of Perth, Dorr of Dunedin, N.Z., and Arthur of Graymore, S.A.

an entertaining evening. Thanks to 2XT and 2XYL for taking 2ASJ along.

Hunter Branch Contest Committee Harold 2ARA, repeats his challenge issued on behalf of Hunter Branch to other zones (R.D. Contest) for the VK-EL Jubilee DX Contest, that is, Hunter Branch three top scores to beat three top scores of any other zone. Harold says we'll put up 1/4 dx each as backing for our three! Any takers? What about it you chaps in other zones?

2ARA is "all stoked up" for Contests, and he'll not miss the top score miniature. His 2X was held recently at 22C's QTH, with 2ARA, 213 and 2PF present. 2ZC going on 8 soon with 2SP. Still threatening to come on 8 is Ernie 2FF. New turret turned in, 2AQC is well under way, but Phil shifting QTH soon, so QRT for while yet. Welcome to 2VS who showed up 4000 watts on 40. 2AHS is expected to be on p.p. 807s and QTH is Nelson's Bay. Latest victims to 2AAI's 20 metre solid dipole are European and American contesters. 2AHS has broken the ice again, chasing 2L's on 40. Nice to see 2NX at meetings again. Shorty building gear. 2ADU 2MC waiting for 144 to be completed again.

A recent visitor from the big smoke was 2EW and Wal was using small 144 beam in car and not much more light than his. Since 2AHS is back on 2, and Doug has f.b. transmission from CSB232. Another to show up on 144 is 2AQD. 2AHS is now shooting 2000 watts. 2AHS reminds me, if you haven't given me the gem on your 144 or 50 Mc gear (including longest suit) by the time I get home, please let me have it or forward drift to VK3VW c/o Box 1735 Sydney. 2XY has 50w mod. tranny ordered and hopes to have TAT on 80, 40, 20 and 10 very shortly. New turret turned in. Since 2AHS is back on 2, and Doug has f.b. transmission from CSB232. Another to show up on 144 is 2AQD. 2AHS is now shooting 2000 watts. 2AHS reminds me, if you haven't given me the gem on your 144 or 50 Mc gear (including longest suit) by the time I get home, please let me have it or forward drift to VK3VW c/o Box 1735 Sydney. 2XY has 50w mod. tranny ordered and hopes to have TAT on 80, 40, 20 and 10 very shortly. New turret turned in. 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his words, "Valuable assistance was forthcoming from several stations." How I envy that guy, nobody ever seems to help me!

Cec. 2ALS has eliminated some h.c. from a nearby D.L. listener and by using a filter 59 signals went right out on the h.c. band. Looking forward to hearing the Wollongong and Albury gang in the Contest. 2DY, 2AMW, 2AMD and 2ON are certainly and guess 2OJ and 2RU will air their rigs for a few contacts. Jim 2AKE will be active and incidentally he should have a.c. soon, bought a 7A12D so should be airing the full galton shortly. Had QSO with Jack ROY one night but lost him when we tried crossband, was trying a Type A Mark III, with Clamp type modulation. Believe Chick 2A1S has his indicator unit working as a c.r.o. and believe the mood was very simple.

WPI has peculiar trouble in his rig, OK on 40, but when modulation applied on 30, everything goes haywire. Geln has to be increased to get any depth of modulation and the result thin voice quality. My own rig doing a mighty fine job of dual-band operation at the one time 40 and 30. The final tubes were mighty pretty, red and blue. OK for football jersey, but not lending itself to a good band signal. 4QL may be interested in the fact that pre-war XUEP operated from air force school Hong Kong, his name Fung Him. The 6 metre Tx at 2DO is nearly built—8V6-6V6-807, 8 Mc. rock, all that remains is to get it going—just that.

VICTORIA

CENTRAL WESTERN ZONE

The Annual Zone Convention will be held at Ararat on Sunday, 10th September. An interesting programme has been arranged—we will be looking forward to seeing many of the voices in person. If you require accommodation contact 3ON, George Turner, 6 Queens Avenue, Ararat (Phone Ararat 293), not later than Tuesday, 11th September, as accommodation is not plentiful.

Programme: 1200 hours assembly at Ararat Town Hall, 1200 lunch, 1400 hidden transmitter hunt (3613 Kc.), 1600 end of transmitter hunt, open envelopes, 1700 back to Ararat Town Hall, 1700-1800 competition and ragchew, 1800 tea, 1900 annual meeting, presentation of prizes, salutes, and home to bed.

The transmitter hunt prize is three miniature tubes. In addition a further prize for the zone member to locate the Tx. Also there will be a prize for the best piece of home-built equipment. This will be selected by ballot of those present. Three tubes were donated by Geoff Clark, and the other two prizes by Gordon Weynton.

3RL has a cunning way of getting gear built, simply invites another Ham for a week or so and presto, latest witting victim was 3ARL who re-built the control system to single control. Lin's antenna tuning unit tried conclusions with a charge of lightning the other day with spectacular and noisy results. STA is very busy on commercial projects at present, has had the 7A12D tried a little transmitting minus the antenna during the zone hook-up with surprising results. 3ATR is at last getting places with a 14 Mc. beam, Trevor has the tower welded up now, so things must be getting on. A new Ham is 3APO. Merv is located in Ffram about four doors from Byron, welcome to the ranks OM and let's hope you keep clear of h.c.

3DP is at last getting near the finish of the new Rx, then off to 14 Mc with the s.b. as Jim has about had it on 7 Mc. 3ARM is after dope on Clamp modulation, so Bob will be another of 'em. Charlie 3ACI (Lubeck) and 3IB (Dimboos) are working plenty of DX on 7 and 14 Mc Tx is v.f.o. controlled and finishes up with an 804 antenna in centre-fed. We have made a convert to s.b. on 3.5 Mc., it won't be long now (we hope) before company arrives and our splendid isolation destroyed.

DON'T FORGET, Ararat Convention on 10th September. Zone hook-up, Sunday, 9th September, 1000 hours on 7155 Kc approx.

NORTH EASTERN NOTES

The night preceding the convention 3UI had many visitors, some 13 call signs were present. Alan had quite a time with two metre mobile signals coming in from all directions. After the "do" many more congregated at 3UI and a hectic day finished at a late hour 3APF is on a trip to VK4, going in search of better weather. Peter, 3FD threatening to migrate to two metres. You will still need a modulator. Andy 3KR and 3AGT still bashing three hours after the zone hook-up. 3UI heard from 3CI for the third hook-up in succession. Heavy silence followed 3UI's announcement that the zone correspondent had passed the

A.O.C.P. Well fellows, I'm sorry you feel that way, but cotton wool is cheap. Many thanks to Alan for his diligent concentration in making me make the grade. And I think you will have a clobber. Cheers and 73's till next month.

EASTERN ZONE

I am glad to say that I have something to report this month. 3AMV has a home-brew double conversion Rx working very nicely. What about paying 3650 Kc a visit some Sunday Morn. instead of just carbooshing. 407 Cliff 3AJA has some 2M Mc gear working, although no contacts as yet. 3ADP has discovered that to push 50 watts into parallel 807s isn't as easy as it looks. 3AMV has arrangements for the November Convention well in hand. He has also re-arranged his modulator tube line-up. Works nicely now, after a slight hold up. You should remember Martin, that although a 6B7 looks just like a 6J7 well, it ain't!

3FR now in a new house and should be on the air again shortly. 3WE is alleged to be learning to ski! Pleased to say that Mrs. 3WE is on the mend again. Associate Leo Dwyer is anxiously awaiting the result of the last A.O.C.P. exam. 3VW very busy on the farm these days. 3QZ putting out a very nice signal on 50. 3SS still moaning about arrears of book work. 3LV another regular on 3550 Kc. 3DI, 3VL, 3US, 3APF among the missing, which's wrong with you chaps? 3RH a proud papa, a girl, no call sign as yet!

John Jarman 3ADA is with the R.A.A.F. somewhere in VK3 and would very much like to hear from the boys in the zone. Here's his address: A11428 L.A.C. Jarman, J. B. c/o S/L Garden, Box 184H, G.P.O., Adelaide. Go to it chaps and remember the stamp only costs a penny! 3ABP working on 40 with voice operated carrier. What about an article for the mag Bud? That's the lot for now, except to point out to 3LV and 3AMV that, notwithstanding reports to the contrary, my spies are everywhere!

SOUTH WESTERN ZONE

3AGD has been having trouble with floods and lost portion of his belt. 3II has new movie projector now and finds it much better than cranking the old one by hand. Leigh has a heater in the shack and is on a little more often. 3AKR thinking seriously of a.s.c. on 80 metres. 3ADN still very quiet on the air.

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at them. Apart from a couple of contacts on 2, he is another one to comment on the quiet nature of things. SJK has now focussed attention upon himself, not for any new type of aerial, but because of his days; gloves, mind you. I have been given to understand that the next step for Jim is spats, and that all the Eastern Suburbs boys are now wearing "Beau Brummel" now replaces that nickname of "umbrella man."

SJS stepped from temporary hiding this month and was heard-testing in his well modulated Rose Park voice on 20. Many varied were the sarcastic remarks concerning QRM heard the following day, from all walks of life, but I understand that Warwick is treating them with a pat on the head and a word of condescending pity. SBD (Battler to you) was seen recently in a well known radio department talking to Norm Coleman and smiling at the merits and demerits of radio sets. The arrival of the "Amateur Radio" reporter was the signal for a burst of insults from all concerned, although the name of SDN was heard distinctly mentioned several times. SDN, by the way, is the best broadcaster—all right there. All right, all right, the Editor.

The responsibilities of a member of the Advisory Council are many and friskome, and the possession of a sense of humour plus a share of tact seems almost a necessary condition. I have very respectfully point out that the practice of "bawling out" an offender on the air not only shows a lack of the above mentioned qualities, but it also shows the pretensions of the "bawler out" in the minds of the many unwilling listeners, to say nothing of the feeling of the contributor. Another thing, the attributing that should be the proud standard of an Advisory Councilor, is the knowledge that in pointing the finger, he is also pointing it in one's own direction. As a well known "oldtime" on 30 this last few months, I seemed to gather the impression that he was a little eccentric at times, and when mentioning this fact to several boys, I was somewhat surprised to be told, "Oh yes he is very eccentric, he likes people to think so." Well, well, what some people have to say about me is none of my business; they don't tell me I am eccentric, they simply say, "that Parsons bloke is as silly as a whale, have you ever read the tripe he writes."

It is a remarkable thing that when any stranger to Amateur Radio is being shown over the air, the first thing that is said is "by the way, is Vic Coombs still on the air?" I used to listen to him every Sunday morning until he said he was no longer on the air. Known to hundreds, seems to be symbolical of Amateur Radio in VKS, and still confined to his bed. He is, his first love, Amateur Radio. There was suggestion of him being given a provisional licence on 10 metres on a fixed frequency, recently, but the Wireless Bureau has thrown down on the matter.

Murray Nicholson has at last received the call sign of 5CF and has been on the air already testing his gear. Several minor faults to be cleared up, and then all will be well. SJA has now taken up the matter of relay control with a vengeance and will soon be having the slickest break-in operator that you have ever heard of. Fred's 2XV appears to like the sound of c.w. better than phone because every time that he has been working BIL SHD on a meter into Joe's house, he has been told it starts up. SBC has been on a little on 40 lately, helping out the boys in Berri, and making a few other contacts. He is now with small 10 watt 6V6 Tx, although he has been very busy with his car. Hughie has also been doing a bit of woodcrafting so I have been told.

Ralph SHD has been doing a most relieving at the "most powerful" station in the State this month, but is not heard very much on the air these days because his gear is battery operated, and the batteries are low. SJA has means that the batteries have to go on charge. SBL has been on 40 a little this month, and with the weather being so hot, he has been doing a bit of chopping, the incidental duties associated with the wood carting, and last but not least, all the duck egg blue pretty pretties ready and waiting to be put down on the matter.

Thanks for the 58a Pat, but don't tell Skinny. Judging from the letters that I have received from contributors, it is very apparent that they appear that they consider that the magazine has somewhat let them down by not describing more single gear setups. I have already replied that the lot of the country Ham is much more difficult than the city slickers, from the viewpoint of exchanging views and seeing the other side of the coin. I am sure that the matter is one of magazine policy, and one of the few things that cannot be placed at my door, although I will endeavour to keep it in pin it on me. Nevertheless dear charming Editor, what say you?

I have been besieged this month by members wanting to know just what it was that "Doc" said in reply to the "crack" from Rose 5AJ concerning Alcatraz, and also who was the member that told QRL that he had been to the meeting, when in fact he had been somewhere else. I regret that I mentioned these two facts in last month's notes, you money Parker.

Rose SLW has recently changed to plate modulation and has acquired the best crop of good amplifiers and modulators that I have heard in VKS. He can be heard on 30 nightly asking all and sundry what the heck is wrong with his signal. QRL has recently made some trivial remarks than he can handle and is slowly forming the opinion that either his listeners are ganging up on him or that they don't want to offend him. As if they could.

Ralph SHD must have a lot of spare time on his hands because almost every week he can be heard on 20 giving details of some new radio gadget that he has just completed building. The only thing that I can think is that he does not get any help with the dishes, and has to chop the wood himself.

Congratulations are the order of the day in VKS to the magazine for printing those Army VZL rumormongers and their tales of the month's issue. This fills a much needed want and shows that the magazine is doing all it can to give its readers service. Keep up the good work.

TASMANIA

Final efforts were made by interested Hams during July, in an effort to make the 1954-55 Remembrance Day Contest. Several new Tx's were completed, and from the interest taken locally in the contest, a few clicks, thumps, etc., seems c.w. will be as popular as phone. Was disappointed to hear from the North West VZL who had been active last year in the Contest, although several new members are available and no doubt will endeavour to maintain the high standard of the group for which this Division is known. But Jack "Doc" trust things will be OK for the ZL Contest. Saw TLL the other week looking very happy, and I am sure that the "Buckaroo" of the Barrier Reef in the ketch "Matthew Findlers."

The July meeting was held at the usual spot on 1st August, the meeting being reasonably well attended. Discussion was mainly concentrated on the increase in fees made necessary in an effort to offset the increase in the cost of "Amateur Radio." A recommendation of a three shilling increase on the present fees was made by the W. J. W. The motion was carried at the General Meeting it was decided, in view of further basic wage adjustments, that five shillings would be necessary which met the unanimous decision of all those in attendance. The meeting ended at 10.30 p.m.: TOM was once again in the chair. By the time these notes appear, the VZL rig and ZL meters will have arrived and distributed. Thanks must be passed to our Secretary TLE whose untiring effort made possible this distribution of disposable gear and to the VKS Division from whom the gear was purchased.

Local reg chews heard one recent Sunday consisted of 2XV, 2XV, TLD, TOM, WKA, and not forgetting TRM. Sounded like old times, hope to hear more of these in the future. SBD and SJA were heard on 40 and 30 respectively. Don things from out OK and congratulations on the appointment as assistant technician with the local constabulary. Don, together with the going to the club class ticket which we hope both attain. TRM can be heard bowling the ZLs over on 40. TAL QRL with business, but you can be heard on 40 available on 11th August.

Power cuts at TRY have restricted operating time. Seen in town since his return from his sojourn in the north was "Sandy" Powell, now going to give radio away to some other pastimes having priority on his time. Mentioned TCA still carrying on the good work at Kellie's. Heard a lot of good work on 40, you shortly Max. TJB still active despite home building worries, believe Jack has enrolled in a brick laying course. Suggest you take over the bricklaying, seeing Jack is too busy home building.

Results are to hand of the Portable Field Day Day Contest. Congratulations to the Radio Club TSB in gaining third place in the phone section of the Contest. Unfortunately the results of the contest are not available yet and it is hoped everything will be in readiness next year. Welcome to Noel Kerison in obtaining his majority; call sign is eagerly awaited and the other side of the coin is to be heard from his QTH. Believe Terry Connor is feeling fit once more after an illness, long time since he has been heard, and it is hoped so how about coming on one of these days. TXX having v.i.o. trouble.

NORTHERN TASMANIAN ZONE

A welcome is extended to a new member to our ranks, one who is active on 80 and 40 metres. At the other end he is also using a 576 Mc. Hx. TOM has a new QTH well away from the main town, and is now able to put up a decent antenna; Gordon does not recommend fat life and "ham" antenna systems. The secret is to use QTH and there death of TAC. The length of bumper bars on different cars, and now TBPQ has a new car. Rumour has it that the bumpers will make excellent 144 Mc. radiators. Any truth in it? Let TBPQ has been doubly busy—trying to finish off his house and having to take over at his station TLL following the untimely death of TAC. I AM, our bus home secretary, still finds time for his 144 Mc. skeds with TBPQ and TLE. Les is also working on a 46 metre phone outfit and should have it working soon. Signals from TBPQ are expected to take some unexpected twists and turns as DIL has taken up square-dancing—anyhow he plays a string bass in one of our orchestras that goes out into the wilds a couple of times a week for square-dancing. How about letting us hear some of that nifty rhythm.

TDS out at Longford is getting acquainted with 144 Mc. and when in full swing should give a most interesting account. Our chief exponent of c.w. is looking with more and more disdain on phone, specially as his modular power transformer blew up, however TRK does most of the work of the club. TDB is nearing completion of his house.

TXX was "never give up hope for that working QSL card" was recently asked to send on a VKS a card from a WS which had been incorrectly addressed to Chris. It had been posted in WS seventeen years ago. TXX has recently bought a 100 Kc. marker meter and promptly built in a 100 Kc. marker crystal oscillator using a miniature valve. The whole makes a swell frequency meter.

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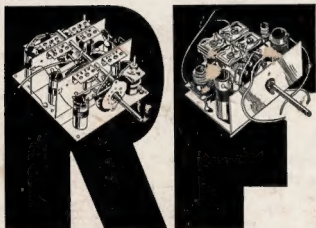


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